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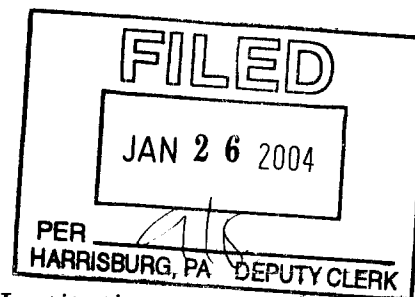
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United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
601 Market Street, Room 21400
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Re: Kenneth A. Shiffer
v. Ben E. Varner, Superintendent, State Correctional Institution
at Smithfield, et al.
No. 03-7006
(Your No. 02-3370)

00-CV-01829

Dear Clerk:

The Court today entered the following order in the above entitled case:

The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

Sincerely,

William K. Suter

William K. Suter, Clerk